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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: LEGAL

1. US CHAIRMAN OF AREA XI, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, JOHN A. BUSTERUD OF CEQ, HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JAN 22 FROM SOVIET CHAIRMAN KOLBASOC SETTING FORTH PLANS FOR EXCHANGE OF LEGAL SCHOLARS BETWEEN WOODROW WILSON CENTER AND INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LAW AND ALSO PLANS FOR USDEL VISIT TO USSR MAY 12-26.

2. EPA ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL E. TRAIN HAS FOUND THAT HIS SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO VISIT USSR IN SPRING FOR MID-YEAR REVIEW OF AGREEMENT (SEE TRAIN LETTER TO FEDEROV/IZRAEL SEPTTEL). TRAIN IS ASKING BUSTERUD TO REPRESENT HIM AND, IN ADDITION TO LEGAL MEETING, TO REVIEW OVERALL PROGRAM WITH FEDOROV AND IZRAEL. BUSTERUD WILL BE ATTENDING CCMS MEETING IN TURIN MAY 7-8 AND COULD ARRIVE
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MOSCOW FOR TALKS WITH FEDOROV/IZRAEL FRIDAY MAY 10.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM BUSTERUD TO KOLBASOV. (COPY SHOULD GO TO HYDROMET AT SAME TIME AS TRAIN'S LETTER TO FEDOROV/IZRAEL. BUSTERUD LETTER SHOULD NOT BE DELIVERED PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF TRAIN LETTER.) SINCE KOLBASOV HAS BEEN MODEL SOVIET CHAIRMAN INsofar AS PROMPT AND HELPFUL COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNED, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH TELEPHONE CALL TO MAKE SURE THAT MESSAGE RECEIVED AND NO MAJOR PROBLEMS EXIST. EMBASSY OFFICER MAY WISH UNDERLINE THAT AS MENTIONED IN LETTER, EARLY RECEIPT OF FORMAL APPLICATION TO WOODROW WILSON CENTER WOULD BE HELPFUL. ADDITIONAL BLANKS BEING SENT IN CASE KOLBASOV DOES NOT HAVE SUPPLY. IN VIEW SHORTNESS OF TIME, EMBASSY REQUESTED OFFER TRANSMIT APPLICATION BY CABLE, AFTER WHICH REGULAR BLANK COULD FOLLOW BY MAIL.

4. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR DR. KOLBASOV: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 22. WE ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH PLANS HERE AND I AM SURE MAY MEETING WILL BE VERY USEFUL.

5. THE US CHAIRMAN OF JOINT COMMITTEE, RUSSELL TRAIN, HAS FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO COME TO MOSCOW THIS SPRING TO REVIEW OVERALL PROGRESS UNDER THE AGREEMENT WITH ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV AND DR. IZRAEL, AND HE HAS ASKED ME TO REPRESENT HIM AND CONDUCT THIS REVIEW DURING MY VISIT. THIS MAY NECESSITATE ALTERING OUR PLANS SLIGHTLY, BUT NOT SUBSTANTIALLY, SINCE I WILL BE ABLE TO COME TO MOSCOW FOR THE REVIEW ON FRIDAY, MAY 10, IF DESIRED, OR CAN TAKE TIME OUT FOR THE REVIEW DURING OUR SCHEDULED MEETING, IF YOU PREFER. I SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSULT WITH DR. IZRAEL ABOUT SCHEDULING AND LET ME KNOW YOUR JOINT PROPOSAL.

6. YOUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR MEETING SOUND EXCELLENT. THE PROPOSED TRIP SHOULD BE MOST INSTRUCTIVE, AND THE PLACES YOU SUGGEST ARE ENTIRELY AGREEABLE. I CONFIRM THAT THE DATES MAY 12-26 REMAIN AGREEABLE (WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING A DAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING FOR THE OVERALL REVIEW, IF NECESSARY) AND THAT THE US DELEGATION WILL PAY ALL ITS OWN COSTS.

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7. I DO WISH TO RAISE ONE QUESTION, AND THAT IS THE NUMBER OF US DELEGATION MEMBERS. I WISH TO INCLUDE, BESIDES MYSELF AND ONE OTHER CEQ STAFF MEMBER, REPRESENTATIVES FROM JUSTICE, EPA, STATE DEPARTMENT, AND ALSO THE US ASSOCIATION FOR THE UN, THE WOODROW WILSON CENTER, AND THE SIERRA CLUB. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BRING MR. KULICK FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHOM YOU KNOW, AS SECRETARY OF THE DELEGATION AND TO ASSIST ME WITH

MY TALKS WITH DR. FEDOROV. THEREFORE I REQUEST THAT YOU
CONSIDER RECEIVING NINE PEOPLE ON THE US DELEGATION.
I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY ON THIS POINT. MEANWHILE
I SHALL SEND NAMES OF US SPECIALISTS AND THE TITLES OF
THEIR PAPERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8. WITH REGARD TO THE EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS, YOUR PROPOSAL
FOR TWO US SPECIALISTS TO STUDY IN THE USSR IS
QUITE ACCEPTABLE, AS ARE THE TERMS SET FORTH. WE WILL
ENDEAVOR TO SUBMIT NAMES AND OTHER DETAILS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY BEYOND MARCH 15.
WITH RESPECT TO THE SOVIET SPECIALIST WHO WILL STUDY AT THE
WOODROW WILSON CENTER, WE SHOULD RECEIVE APPLICATION
WITHOUT DELAY FOR TRUSTEES FORMAL APPROVAL, ON OR
BEFORE MARCH 1 IF POSSIBLE. (US EMBASSY CAN FORWARD
THIS INFORMATION TO US TELEGRAPHICALLY IF YOU WISH.)
DATES AND TERMS CITED IN YOUR LETTER ARE ACCEPTABLE.

9. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MAY. SINCERELY,
JOHN A. BUSTERUD. END TEXT. RUSH

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